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For : METHOD OF FORMING MOLECULE FUNCTION NETWORK

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir :

This paper responds to the Requirement for Restriction mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 5, 2009, which sets forth a one-month shortened statutory period for response, to end November 5, 2009.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the one-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Remarks**, beginning on page 2, include Applicants' election with traverse.